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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATION OF NEW TUNA TREATY

REF: (A) STATE 212968, (B) QUITO 6136, (C) LIMA 7364

1. SUMMARY: PERU CONTINUES TO SHOW INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN A NEW TUNA REGIME, BUT WANTS THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE POSTPONED. END SUMMARY.

2. PERUVIAN DECISION TO SEEK POSTPONEMENT OF SAN JOSE CONFERENCE WAS REPORTED IN LIMA 7364. EMBASSY HAS SINCE OBTAINED TEXT OF PERUVIAN RESPONSE TO INVITATION (COPY POUCHED TO ARA/AND FULLER ON SEPT. 7). GIST OF MESSAGE IS THAT PERU CONSIDERS THE QUESTION OF A REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON TUNA TO BE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES AND THE QUESTION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES, MATTERS UNDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DISCUSSION IN THE THIRD LOS CONFERENCE. A FORMULATION SATISFACTORY TO ALL ON THE LATTER POINT HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING. THERE ALSO REMAIN DIFFERENCES OVER THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER THE 200 MILE ZONE. THEREFORE, THE TUNA CONFERENCE SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE RESULTS OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE ARE KNOWN. FURTHER-

MORE, PERU NOTES THAT THE INVITATION REFERS TO THE REGULATION OF TUNA FISHING "WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE." PERU CLAIMED SOVEREIGNTY AND JURISDICTION OVER THE 200 MILE ZONE IN 1974. OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE DIFFERENT CLAIMS. THESE DIFFERENCES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, PARTICULARLY IN FIXING THE MANDATE OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT AGAIN WITH ALVARO DE SOTO SEPTEMBER 9 TO ASK IF THERE WERE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. DE SOTO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT CHILE HAD SENT A SIMILAR REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT TO COSTA RICA (BUT NOT TO MEXICO, IN THE ABSENCE OF RELATIONS). HE ADDED THAT IN CONTACTS HERE AND IN MEXICO CITY, THE PERUVIANS HAD EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER EVOKING A PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE WITHOUT ADEQUATE PREPARATION. DE SOTO SAID THE MEXICANS WERE RELUCTANT TO DROP THE PLENIPOTENTIARY DESIGNATION BECAUSE TO DO SO MIGHT DETRACT FROM THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION, ALTHOUGH THEY ADMITTED THAT THIS WOULD BE ONLY A PRELIMINARY AND NOT A FINAL CONFERENCE. THIS PLACES THE PERUVIANS IN A DILEMMA BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THAT UNDER PRESENT BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS THEY CAN JUSTIFY AND SUPPORT A HIGH LEVEL PLENIPOTENTIARY MISSION TO AN ILL-DEFINED PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE. DE SOTO SAID HE HAD ASSURED THE MEXICANS, AND WANTED TO ASSURE US, THAT PERU HAD NO INTENTION OF BOYCOTTING THE CONFERENCE. ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CONTRARY, PERU IS VERY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A BADLY NEEDED NEW REGIME ON TUNA. HOWEVER, HE WAS UNCERTAIN WHAT PERU'S COURSE WOULD BE IF THE CONFERENCE IS HELD AS PLANNED.

3. DE SOTO ALSO ADVISED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO THE MEXICAN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS THE DAY BEFORE BY PHONE AND TOLD HIM HE CONSIDERED IT "HIGHLY UNUSUAL" TO CONVOKE SUCH A CONFERENCE WITHOUT SOME SORT OF DRAFT WORKING PAPER. HE SAID THE RESPONSE WAS EVASIVE AND ALONG THE LINES THAT A WORKING DRAFT EXISTED, BUT IT WAS TOO TENTATIVE TO CIRCULATE.

4. DE SOTO PROMISED TO ADVISE US OF ANY DECISION MADE ON PERUVIAN PARTICIPATION.

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